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SUBJECT: MURDER OF INDIAN NATIONALS IN U.S. (MR. AND MRS.
SURROY)

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1. YOU MAY CERTAINLY PASS INFO REFTELS TO SURROY RELATIVES, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD EXPECT THAT GOI AND/OR THE PRESS WOULD HAVE RELAYED IT BY NOW. WE DO NOT WISH TO BE UNRESPONSIVE TO FAMILIES IN GRIEF, BUT ALSO DO NOT WISH TO DUPLICATE COMPETENT EFFORTS OF GOI CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN WHAT IS PROPERLY THEIR ACTION.

2. INDIAN COMMUNITY IN NEW JERSEY REPORTEDLY REACTED WITH GREAT CONCERN THAT MURDERS MAY HAVE BEEN RACIALLY MOTIVATED, A CONCLUSION FUELED BY "INNER-CITY" LOCATION OF SURROY'S APARTMENT. INDIAN CONSUL GENERAL TOOK PAINS TO DENY THIS SPECULATION, AND THE ARREST OF AN INDIAN ACQUAINTANCE OF THE COUPLE WILL HOPEFULLY PUT IT TO REST.
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3. NEW YORK WEEKLY "INDIA ABOARD" HAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THIS CASE, BUT DAILY PRESS HAS NOT TAKEN SPECIAL NOTICE. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF CALCUTTA PAPERS FAIL TO GIVE

FOLLOW-UP COVERAGE TO THE STORY WHICH WOULD BALANCE THE APPARENT ORIGINAL IMPRESSION OF AMERICA AS A SPECIALLY-

DANGEROUS PLACE FOR INDIANS.
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